

A Vision for Missouri's Freight Transportation Future >>

Building on MoDOT's long range plan, which established the vision for Missouri transportation, and through collaboration with freight partners, MoDOT has developed a State Freight Plan. The plan describes Missouri's existing freight system, establishes goals and strategies for updating the system over the next 10+ years, and will guide future investments in transportation and prioritize freight

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Freight is a critical element in the Missouri economy and it's important to have a plan to make sure we keep freight – and the Missouri economy – moving smoothly. Missouri's freight transportation system is how products such as soybeans and aviation parts are transported around the world. Making smart investments can help to provide better options for Missouri businesses to get their products to markets. An improved freight transportation system can also lower transportation costs.

projects that will provide the most economic benefits to the state.

Trucks are, and will likely remain for the foreseeable future, the predominant mode for moving freight across Missouri due to their speed, reliability, and flexibility.

There are a number of critical issues and trends that offer both opportunities and challenges for freight movement on Missouri highways. These include funding for transportation and its impact on trucking costs; urban congestion and bottlenecks; labor issues; security requirements; size and weight restrictions, and their effect on efficiency; hours of service; cell phone usage; intelligent transportation systems; intermodal logistics centers and inland ports; and hub-to-hub trips vs. distribution trips.



Highway System

Fast Facts

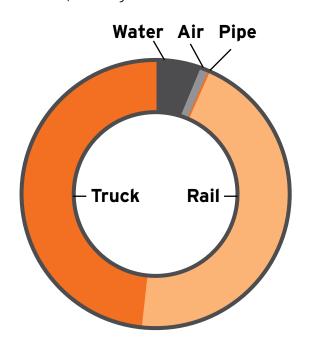
- 7th largest highway system in the country
- **33,700 miles of roadway** (5,500 miles classified as "major" highways and 28,200 miles classified as "minor")
- Major highways encompass just
 20% of the state highway miles,
 but carry 80% of the traffic
- There are 18 interstate highways in Missouri, including 9 main routes and 9 auxiliary routes
- Less than 1% of all bridges in the state are considered low vertical clearance bridges, which means there are fewer obstacles to routes around the state resulting in a free flow of freight

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top things to know about freight along Missouri's highways



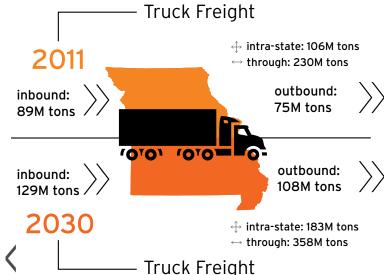
Truck movements represented 49% of modal tonnage in MO and 59% of total modal value in 2011, the largest relative modal share



Missouri highway growth trends >>

- Truck tonnage is forecast to increase from 500 million in 2011 to 778 million in 2030, an increase of 55.5%.
- Truck commodity value is forecast to increase from \$710.9 billion in 2011 to \$1.2 trillion by 2030, a cumulative increase of 68.4%.
- Freight density growth expects greatest volume increases on I-44 and I-55. I-44, I-55 and I-70 will all be critical to freight growth.





46% of truck freight tonnage is traffic passing through the state

Total Truck Freight Growth by 2030:

+ 55.6%

inbound » + 44.6% outbound » + 44.0%

intra-state » + 72.9% through » + 55.5%

The highway system needs to better now and into











Top 5 highway system needs >>

- Improved corridor capacity
- Eliminate bottlenecks (could be capacity or design issues)*
- Safety (truck parking, at-grade rail crossings, roadway design and aeometrics)
- Connectivity to major freight generator
- A designated freight network is needed to help focus current and future freight investments
 - * these bottlenecks are far less severe that those in other areas across the U.S.



88 out of the state's top 100 trucking bottlenecks are located in major metro areas

Approximately **20% of all bridges** in the state are load restricted, which could create obstacles to the flow of freight in some areas

Key issues identified through regional forums >>

- I-70 is critical to freight movement
- Concern about lack of funding
- >> I-44 and US 36 are other top priority corridors
- Concern about north-south connections like US 63
- Capacity and maintenance improvements to maintain reliability
- Deficient bridges cause delays and safety concerns



Truck movements in 2011 totaled 500 million tons. valued at \$711 billion



Top 5 highway system commodities >>

- Nonmetallic minerals (such as coal, salt, clay, and marble) - 20.5%
- Secondary traffic (mixed shipments of consumer goods generally going between warehousing distribution and retail locations) - 16.8%
- Farm products 16.4%
- Food or food-related products 11.5%
- Chemicals or similar products 8.4%

